

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF**  
**THE CITY OF DETROIT'S 300<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
**JULY 2001**

WHEREAS, on July 24, 1701, Cadillac landed his company of soldiers and fur traders on the present site of Detroit, recognized Detroit's strategic location and built Fort Pontchartrain to control the narrow straits of the Detroit River, and named it in honor of Count Pontchartrain, the French Colonial Minister of Marine at that time; and

WHEREAS, the City of Detroit was incorporated as a city on October 24, 1815, being first platted in 1806 by Augustus B. Woodward, after whom the city's main thoroughfare, Woodward Avenue, was named; and

WHEREAS, because of industry leaders like Henry Ford, who revolutionized the automobile assembly process when he installed moving-assembly lines in his Highland Park plant in 1913, the Detroit region was primarily responsible for putting America "on wheels" and was cemented as one of the leading cities in the country because of the automotive industry, which radically transformed southeast Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Detroit is currently experiencing a renaissance brought on by its residents' commitment to maintaining their fine community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Detroit is celebrating its 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, the solid foundation on which the Detroit region and its industry is built upon is due in large part to its quality school systems and the outstanding teachers and staff who make the Detroit Public Schools and other school districts in southeast Michigan successful; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the Detroit Public Schools and dozens of surrounding school districts which comprise the Detroit-area community, thousands of influential men and women educated in its outstanding education systems have and now help to shape America's destiny; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education recognizes the City of Detroit's 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary and encourages community members to support the Detroit Public Schools and all schools in southeast Michigan in their tireless efforts to prepare Michigan's children to become productive and responsible citizens and the leaders of tomorrow.

Adopted July 19, 2001

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Kathleen N. Straus, President

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